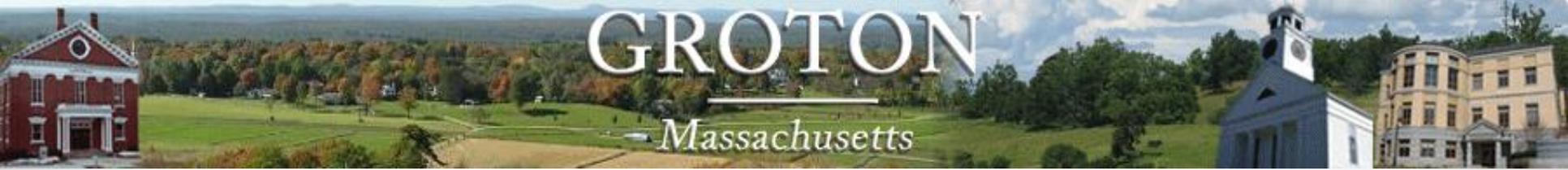


Fiscal Year 2017

Town Meeting Budget Reconsideration



- Process update
- Budget update
- Why this is best path for the town
- Looking forward

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Process



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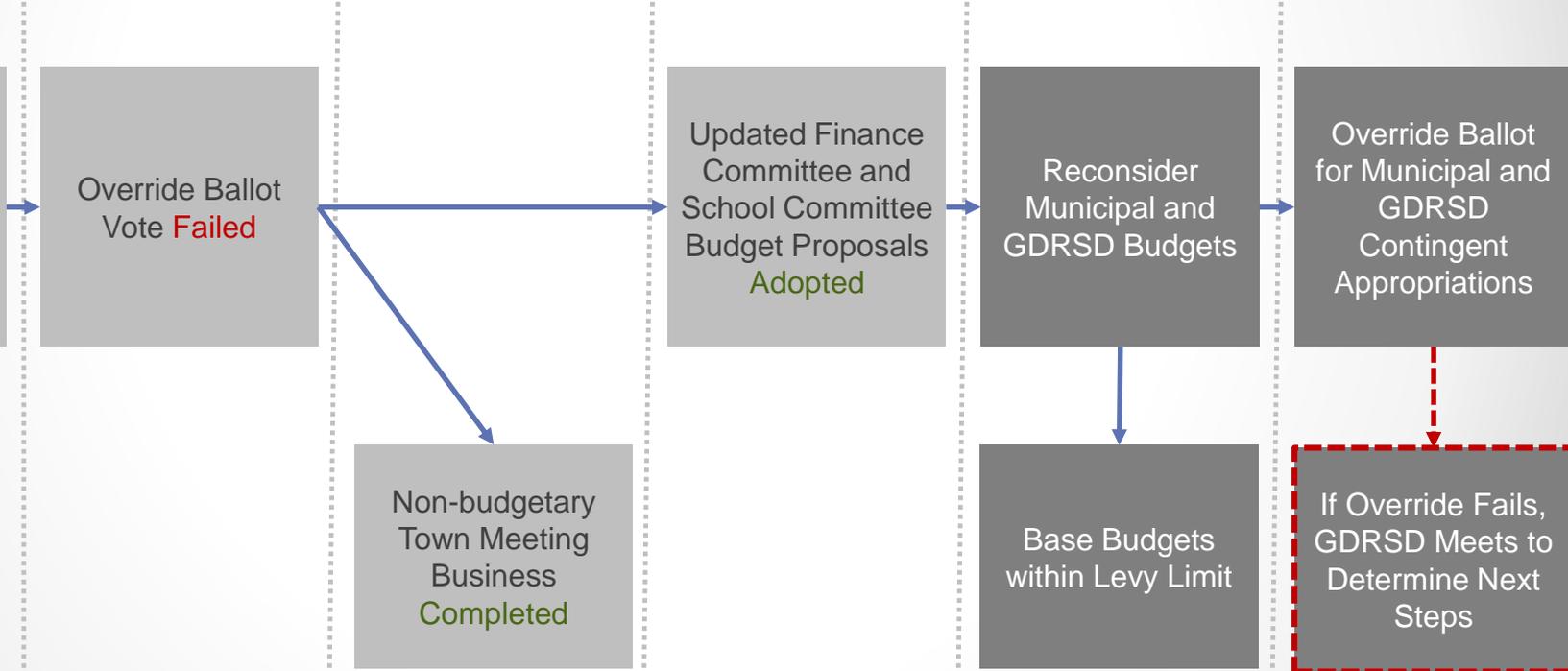
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- Appropriate funds for base budget within levy limit
- Appropriate additional funding through override to support level services



June 9, 2016

Michael Hartnett
Treasurer
Town of Groton
P.O.Box 380
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Michael,

The Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee voted at its meeting on June 8, 2016 to adopt the new FY17 budget at \$39,099,830. Per the regional agreement with the Towns of Groton and Dunstable, the allocation is as follows:

Groton	Operating Assessment	\$19,090,410
	Debt Assessment	<u>\$ 1,143,574</u>
		\$20,233,984
Dunstable	Operating Assessment	\$ 5,407,056
	Debt Assessment	<u>\$ 361,264</u>
		\$ 5,768,320

Please contact me at 978-448-5505 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Fred Aponte
Treasurer

Cc: Selectmen Chair
Finance Committee Chair
Town Manager
School Committee Chair
Superintendent
Director of Business and Finance

Approach to GDRSD Budget

- The GDRSD School Committee certified a new budget
- Appropriate funds for level services within levy limit
- Appropriate additional funding through override to address critical needs

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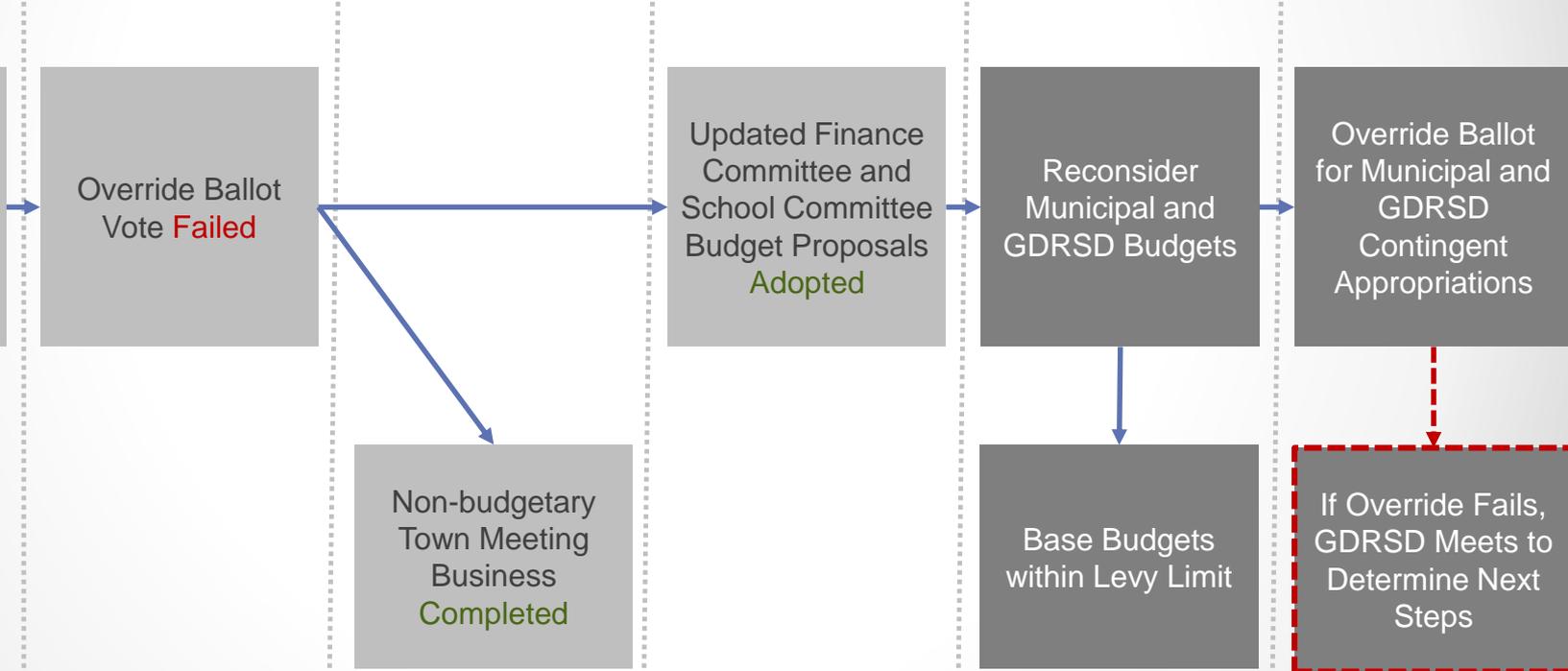
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Municipal Budget Detail

- Base budget funded within the levy limit
- Funding through override to support level services:
 - IT Position - \$27,366
 - Municipal Building and Highway Position - \$41,760
 - Sargisson Beach Lifeguards - \$26,570
 - Benefit Vacancies - \$25,000
 - **Total: \$120,696**

GDRSD Level Services Portion of Budget

- Increase of \$1.6m (4.4%)
 - Groton assessment increase of \$1.3m (7.61%)
- Continues all services from current school year
- Includes \$500,000 for staff hired in FY16 to address special education requirements

Contingent GDRSD Appropriations

Position	School	Salary/Benefits	FTEs Added
KF1: Improve Student Performance in Key Areas			
Content Area Coordinator Coverage	High School	\$18,470	0.33
English Language Arts Teacher	High School	\$65,970	1.00
Literacy Teacher Specialist	Middle School	\$65,970	1.00
Math Teacher/ Specialist	Middle School	\$65,970	1.00
Elementary Literacy Coordinator	Curr	\$92,000	1.00
Instructional Materials & Supplies	District	\$50,000	
Professional Development	District	\$71,219	
KF1 Total		\$429,598	4.33
KF2: Restore and Improve Programs in Non-core Subjects			
Library/ Media Specialist	Middle School	\$65,970	1.00
KF2 Total		\$65,970	1.00
KF3: Comprehensive Social and Emotional Support			
Guidance Counselor	High School	\$65,970	1.00
Elementary Adjustment Counselor	Florence Roche	\$37,985	0.50
	Swallow Union	\$27,985	0.50
School Psychologist	Special Ed.	\$43,582	0.60
KF3 Total		\$175,521	2.60
KF4: Improve Performance of Students with Disabilities and Meet Learning Needs			
Math Specialist	Florence Roche	\$43,582	0.60
	Swallow Union	\$22,388	0.40
Reading Specialist	Middle School	\$27,985	0.50
	Florence Roche	\$19,763	0.00
	Swallow Union	\$9,161	0.20
Special Ed. Co-Teacher	Middle School	\$65,970	1.00
	Florence Roche	\$65,970	1.00
KF4 Total		\$254,817	3.70
KF5: Provide Essential Support Services			
Registered Nurse	High School	\$49,179	0.70
Custodians	Middle School	\$55,198	1.00
Nursing Assistant	Florence Roche	\$18,366	0.50
KF5 Total		\$122,743	2.20
Grand Total		\$1,048,650	13.83

Contingent Appropriations Impact

Contingent Budget - Additional Requested Amount For Override To Be Held on June 30, 2016						
		FY 2017		FY 2017		
		PROPOSED	ADDITIONAL	PROPOSED	ADDITIONAL	IMPACT ON
		WITHIN	AMOUNT	WITH	TAX RATE	AVERAGE
<u>LINE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>OVERRIDE</u>	<u>IMPACT</u>	<u>TAX BILL</u>
1100	Information Technology Salary	\$ 100,814	\$ 27,366	\$ 128,180	\$ 0.02	\$ 8.00
1410	GDRSD Operating Expenses	\$ 18,399,093	\$ 691,317	\$ 19,090,410	\$ 0.43	\$ 172.00
1540	Municipal Building & Minor Capital	\$ 87,252	\$ 41,760	\$ 129,012	\$ 0.03	\$ 12.00
1681	Water Safety - Expenses & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 26,570	\$ 26,570	\$ 0.02	\$ 8.00
3010	Employee Benefits - Health Insurance	\$ 1,565,628	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,590,628	\$ 0.01	\$ 4.00
	TOTAL	\$ 20,152,787	\$ 812,013	\$ 20,964,800	\$ 0.51	\$ 204.00
	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET - WITH OVERRIDE		\$ 35,427,751			
	GRAND TOTAL - TOWN BUDGET		\$ 36,300,731			

Budget Within Levy Limit

EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR CATEGORIES	Appropriated FY2016	Proposed FY2017	Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase
Municipal Wages	\$6,820,119	\$6,923,909	\$103,790	1.52%
Employee Benefits	\$3,507,389	\$3,592,512	\$85,123	2.43%
Sub Total	\$10,327,508	\$10,516,421	\$188,913	1.83%
Other	\$2,806,427	\$2,703,857	(\$102,570)	-3.65%
Sub Total	\$13,133,935	\$13,220,278	\$86,343	0.66%
Debt Service	\$1,383,590	\$1,282,713	(\$100,877)	-7.29%
Total Municipal	\$14,517,525	\$14,502,991	(\$14,534)	-0.10%
GDRSD Operation	\$17,097,405	\$18,399,093	\$1,301,688	7.61%
GDRSD Debt	\$1,168,791	\$1,143,574	(\$25,217)	-2.16%
Nashoba Tech	\$596,609	\$570,080	(\$26,529)	-4.45%
Total Schools	\$18,862,805	\$20,112,747	\$1,249,942	6.63%
Grand Total	\$33,380,330	\$34,615,738	\$1,235,408	3.70%

Total Budget With Contingent Appropriations

EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR CATEGORIES	Appropriated FY2016	Proposed FY2017	Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase
Municipal Wages	\$6,820,119	\$6,993,035	\$172,916	2.54%
Employee Benefits	\$3,507,389	\$3,617,512	\$110,123	3.14%
Sub Total	\$10,327,508	\$10,610,547	\$283,039	2.74%
Other	\$2,806,427	\$2,730,427	(\$76,000)	-2.71%
Sub Total	\$13,133,935	\$13,340,974	\$207,039	1.58%
Debt Service	\$1,383,590	\$1,282,713	(\$100,877)	-7.29%
Total Municipal	\$14,517,525	\$14,623,687	\$106,162	0.73%
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Total Schools	\$18,862,805	\$20,804,064	\$1,941,259	10.29%
Grand Total	\$33,380,330	\$35,427,751	\$2,047,421	6.13%

Tax Impact Summary

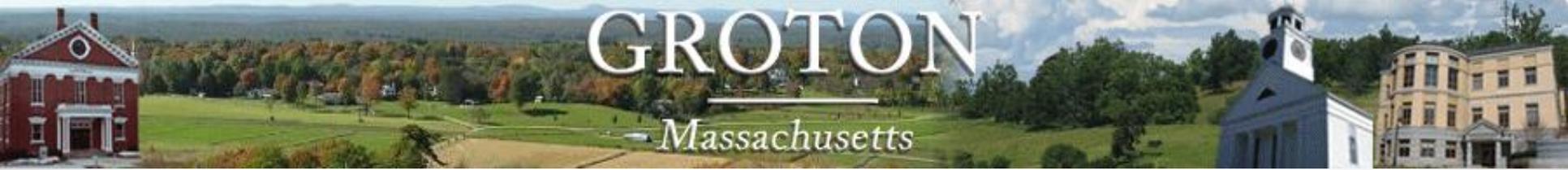
Tax Impact Summary - With A General Override in FY 2017					
Budget as of 5-28-2016					
		Actual	Proposed	Dollar	Percent
		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Levy Capacity Used	\$ 26,777,844	\$ 28,024,639	\$ 1,246,795	4.66%
	Tax Rate on Levy Capacity Used	\$ 17.31	\$ 17.92	\$ 0.61	3.52%
1	Average Tax Bill	\$ 6,924	\$ 7,168	\$ 244	3.52%
	Override of Proposition 2½	\$ -	\$ 812,013	\$ 812,013	100.00%
	Tax Rate on Override	\$ -	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51	100.00%
2	Average Tax Bill	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 204	100.00%
	Excluded Debt	\$ 2,275,350	\$ 2,232,427	\$ (42,923)	-1.89%
3	Tax Rate on Excluded Debt	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.43	\$ (0.04)	-2.72%
	Average Tax Bill	\$ 588	\$ 572	\$ (16)	-2.72%
	Final Levy Used	\$ 29,053,194	\$ 31,069,079	\$ 2,015,885	6.94%
	Final Tax Rate	\$ 18.78	\$ 19.86	\$ 1.08	5.75%
4	Average Tax Bill	\$ 7,512	\$ 7,944	\$ 432	5.75%

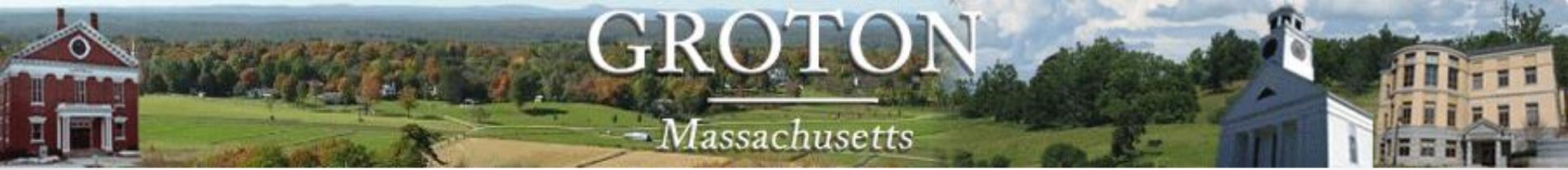
Why This Is Best Approach

- Town and District budget in place prior to July 1st deadline
 - Town unable to spend money without a budget
 - GDRSD would operate monthly under 1/12 of previous year budget
 - Funds level services for GDRSD
 - Minimize impact to municipal services with \$120,696 reduction
- Override funds Municipal and GDRSD at requested levels
 - Prevents reduction in municipal service levels
 - Provides funding to meet most critical student needs

Looking Forward

- Municipal Sustainability Committee up and running
 - Analyzing budget from top to bottom
 - Investigating budget growth compared to macro environment
 - Discussing need for external operational review
- GDRSD forming Sustainability Advisory Committee
 - Investigating how to deliver the highest quality education most efficiently
 - Need to define scope and cost of external operational review

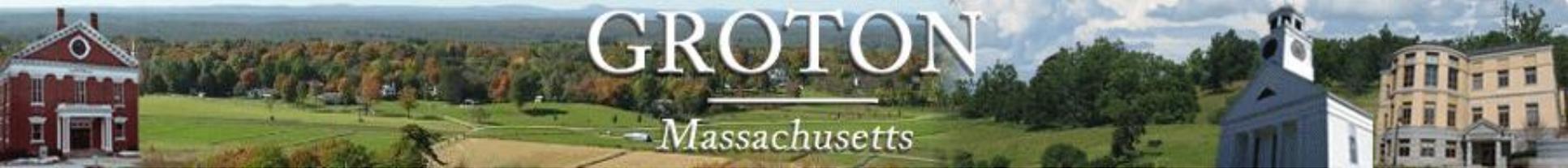




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